

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Michael Hinchey, James Rash, and	)	Group Art Unit: 2191
Christopher Rouff	)	
	)	Examiner: Deng, Anna Chen
Application No.: 10/789,028	)	
	)	Conf. No. 7158
Filed: February 25, 2004	)	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
DERIVING A PROCESS-BASED		
SPECIFICATION		

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to consideration of this application on its merits, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.